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Connector

Fall 2016-2017

Greetings from the top of the stairs...

by Michael J. McQuarrie, Headmaster

'Til Graduation Do We Part? Not Even Then.

Admittedly, I am clumsy with my phone's camera. Here is my first "selfie," taken with half of the Class of 2016 at Final Assembly. I attempted a second selfie with the other half of the class but ended up with one of my palm, I think. The scowl on my face is actually concentration and determination; I was intent on capturing this momentous occasion.

My photography challenges aside, take a closer look at the soon-to-be graduates. I hope you see what I know about them—accomplishment, spirit- edness, satisfaction, readiness, joy and celebration. This is what we want for all of our students at the close of their high school years.

For these students, the reality of high school's end would come hours later at Graduation 2016, at which a pertinent, final lesson is taught. From commencement speaker and alumnus Zackary Helm '05 they learn it's not how you start something that most matters, it's how you finish. And I remind those in caps, gowns, and in some cases sunglasses, we will never be together quite like this again.

Though the relationship between students and school invariably changes upon graduation, we don't part completely. Our graduates are forever bonded to us and the many thousands of Erskine Academy alumni across the country, and some overseas, with whom they share the Erskine Academy experience. We hope that our newly initiated alum will look back on their school years fondly, keep

us in their future, and visit us at least annually, as do the alumni who attend the All Alumni Reunion. Not surprising, the *Connector's* class notes section continues to expand by the many professional endeavors and happy personal developments of our cherished alum.

We also remain bound to our veteran faculty members, who after many years of dedicated service begin their lives' next chapter in retirement. In this issue, we salute and appreciate Doran Stout for his 34 years—a full career—with Erskine. Mr. Stout, an esteemed standout in high school athletics, has done more for Erskine athletics, coaches and athletes than anyone or any collection of individuals. His leave is still fresh, and his presence, wisdom and wit are missed.

In this issue we also report on this year's accomplishments to date, all of which are firsts: a perfect, undefeated season for our KVAC and State Class B Champion golf team; we became School Spirit Challenge Champions for 2016, having led the community effort that raised nearly 85,000 pounds of food for Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine and our local pantries; and we presented a Veterans Day Recognition Assembly honoring local vets, many of whom are alumni, and featuring alum who are active in the Maine Army National Guard.



Finally, we give our heartfelt appreciation to our alumni and friends who last year gave their time, talents, and financial donations to support Erskine Academy. Your investment makes us a stronger and higher performing school and raises our expectations. Your generosity enhances the student experience and our facilities. Your unwavering support keeps the Erskine Academy community healthy and whole, ensuring that we are forever Eagles. Onward Erskine! ☞

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Scenes from Reunion 2016



Friday night kickoff fun



An old fashioned Maine Lobster feast, ice cream sundaes, great weather, and old friends gathering to share Erskine memories made for a wonderful reunion celebration this year. Friday evening a spirited crowd gathered at the China Dine-ah to kick off the weekend, and over 130 alumni and guests returned to campus on Saturday for a very enjoyable afternoon.



A dedicated group of alumni from recent years returned to help serve at the event, and leadership seniors attended as guests.



Members from the Class of 1966 were recognized on the occasion of their 50th Reunion and other milestone reunion classes were applauded. Donna Green Crockett '63 was the recipient of the Volunteer Leadership Award and Mike '91 and Paula '92 Roddy Cuthbertson were awarded the Exemplary Service Award. Three senior's names were drawn to receive Alumni Scholarship awards.



Next year's All Alumni Reunion will be June 2 and 3—we hope to see you there!





Scenes from Reunion 2016



FAR LEFT Donna Green Crockett '63 and her husband Davy accepting the Volunteer Leadership Award.
LEFT Recipients of EA Alumni Scholarships: Kayla Goggin; Lilja Bernheim; Adrianna Stinchfield



Leadership seniors in attendance at Reunion 2016: L to R Assistant Headmaster John Clark; Associate Headmaster Jamie Soule; seniors Adrianna Stinchfield; Alainie Sawtelle; Lilja Bernheim, Joshua Reed; Abby Cooper; Olivia Leary; Kendrick Nikornpan; and Kayla Goggin; and Headmaster Mike McQuarrie



Mike Wing and Hazen Smith of Dover Lobster



Zachary Helm '05 Speech to the Class of 2016



Thank you for that introduction, Mr. McQuarrie. It is a great honor to be here, getting to see so many friendly, familiar faces. Let me start by saying, Class of 2016, welcome, congratulations, you made it, give yourselves a big round of applause!... Oh you're done...I was really counting on that lasting 10 minutes...would have been the best speech!

When I was a sophomore at Erskine, I had a World Literature class with Ryan, ah, I mean Mr. Nored (I don't know how long you have to be graduated to get on a first name basis with him, so I'll play it safe). For our first writing assignment with him, Mr. Nored had us start out by authoring the conclusion to our paper, then the introduction, then the body. My initial thoughts when he suggested this were that this guy was crazy and probably needed a dictionary; I mean he had mixed up the definitions of the words conclusion and introduction! However, I soon came to realize he believed himself to be extremely intelligent (as I am sure many of you know), so I assumed that meant he knew the definitions of introduction and conclusion, which of course meant he was certainly crazy!

But as it turns out I was wrong there, too, and his crazy idea was actually a really good one. His logic was that most people spend a lot of time writing a really good introduction, and as they write the body of a paper they get bored with the topic, start to

rush things, and end up producing a sloppy and weak conclusion. He believed that a good ending could make or break a text and that writing the ending first would help focus the thesis and message of the story. It also allowed the author to pen arguably the most important portion of any piece, the conclu-

sion, when they were full of that early enthusiasm for the topic. It's a writing habit that I have come to embrace, so good news, you can all look forward to the end of this speech, not that you aren't already! More importantly though, the philosophy behind this writing style really resonates and makes sense, not just for writing papers but for life in general; it's not how you start, it's how you finish. This opinion is by no means new age or unique to any one culture.

And while preparing this speech, I took some time to reflect on my own Erskine experience and how different my start was from my finish. I remember the awkward 14 year old who moseyed into Mr. Scates's homeroom full of insecurity, doubt, and a complete inability to carry on a conversation with a girl. Only four years later there was an eager 18-year-old graduate preparing for college, optimistic about the challenges that lay before him, and infused with a quiet confidence about his readiness for things to come. Fortunately for my wife, I still couldn't talk to girls but in time I even sorted that out, though she might disagree! Love you dear!

When I look back on those days, I think of the transformation that occurred in four very short years and see a slow start marked by a furious finish. I think if I were to tell my 14-year-old self how he'd grow as a person in only four years, he'd have laughed me out of the room. The

personal changes that supported this metamorphosis came from lessons I had learned while immersed in the Erskine community. The basis for these lessons stemmed from the core values that were silently preached everyday: scholarship, leadership, stewardship, and relationships.

As was the case with me, these tenets have been instilled into each of you every day of your Erskine career, and in part they are the reason you are the people you are today. You all entered high school as nervous teens; it's okay, we can all be honest here, being a nervous teen is normal. You were full of hopes, dreams, and Random Ideas that would later be expressed in your academic pursuits, extracurricular excellence, maybe even a burgeoning band of triplets. Continued successes in your educational, professional, and personal interests rests in part upon your ability to blend these core values into your everyday habits. It's important to recognize how these core values allow you to shape the world around you and the impact it will have on future generations.

Look no further than the importance of scholarship in shaping how our global community functions. You might argue that scholarship ends in the classroom, but I disagree. Scholarship extends beyond the hallways of Erskine as an approach you take in continuing your everyday self-education. In my own educational and professional experience, it has been a thirst for knowledge that allows my colleagues and me to find answers to challenging questions that will change how fresh water is supplied to future citizens of the world.

As a society, we put a premium on being informed, asking questions, challenging conventional wisdom, learning from each experience so we don't repeat the mistakes of previous generations, and pushing the limits of our knowledge. Don't accept being told what and how to think by

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pundits on television and radio, seek out the information for yourself and construct your own point of view. When the company I work for was first conceived, the conventional wisdom was that our technology couldn't possibly work. Today we are a growing commercial operation with activity around the globe. We knew there was a risk of failure, but we believed in the idea enough to challenge the status quo and seize the opportunity, because we had our own informed opinion about what was possible.

When opportunity presents itself, be prepared to take risks and explore new ideas that haven't been tried before. Don't be afraid to fail, the role of failure in the quest for knowledge must be embraced. We are going to make mistakes when we try something new, that's how we learn. In the science and technology realm, we live in the world of failure because our failures generate the data that will tell us how to succeed where and when it matters most. It's critical we always carry the lessons from these experiences with us and pass this knowledge to future generations along with the tenacious spirit for scholarly pursuits. It is this spirit that leads to the innovations that solve the world's crises we all confront today.

However, scholarship alone is not enough to guide you in life. The resolve of good leadership cannot be lost as it takes the essence of leadership to turn innovative ideas into a reality. There are few things in life worth pursuing that will be easy. Successful leaders are not measured by their demeanor in times of ease; they are defined by their reaction to the hard times and how they overcome obstacles in the pursuit of finishing what they set out to do. Good leaders are forged by rising to the occasion and embracing their opportunities, your opportunities. There will be

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naysayers that doubt your ability, often because they themselves failed where you will succeed by learning from their experience. There will be risks to putting yourself out there that can promote your own self-doubt. Put all the doubt aside and go for it. Each one of you are capable of being tremendous leaders. You can be the doctors who find a cure for cancer, the

politicians who write the legislation that shapes the socioeconomic landscape, the educators that ensure the continued prosperity of future scholars.

In doing so you will encounter hard times, of this I can assure you. I recall some of my own experiences as a student and a working professional where my own commitment was challenged to the point that I couldn't see things getting better. There were biochemistry classes that seemed impossibly challenging and technical hills to scientific breakthrough that felt like mountains. These challenges weren't going away if I avoided them, they would be there whenever I tried to progress. In these moments you have to believe you can succeed and find the will to lead and finish strong, leaving nothing to chance.

Your leadership qualities will be essential in ushering in and expanding on the prosperities we enjoy today. That is the very basis of stewardship. Stewardship can be the most arduous tenet to uphold. It is grounded in the notion of continuity in quality throughout time. As stewards you are tasked with leaving this place better than how you received it. That can be an esoteric concept when we are young. I think this value is the one that becomes most clear with age. In preparing to be a father for the first time, I can see more clearly the importance of stewardship. I wish to provide the best future I

can for my son. That happens only by making good choices as an individual and as a community. As an individual, you are charged with maxing out your potential. You were born to this planet with a purpose that you are likely yet to realize. In fulfilling your potential and embracing purpose, you make society stronger and more robust, capable of meeting future obstacles.

While we all will have our own singular reasons for finding our purpose, we should remember there is a much bigger tapestry we contribute to as well. This tapestry is comprised of the relationships we cultivate throughout our lives that interconnect humanity at a global scale. In four years you have expanded your network of friends and through each of these friendships you are plugged into another network of people. As you go your separate ways next year, those relationships will travel with you as you continue to expand your circle that further tether you to society. These relationships are ultimately the foundation to the three previous core values addressed. In some of these peer networks you will find



the scholars that spark educational conversations, the leaders making the difficult decisions that move us in a positive direction, and the stewards that are delivering a brighter future to the generations yet to come. Your graduation tonight demonstrates your readiness to enter these worlds not just

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The EA Employee Scholarship Fund provided the funds for six \$500 scholarships that were awarded to graduating seniors of the Class of 2016. Employees other than those listed below contributed cash on dress down days through the Guidance Office, bringing employee participation to nearly 100%.

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Grants received in the 2015–16 fiscal year totaled \$26,381.

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Thank you to all of the many volunteers, parents, teachers, staff, community members, and alumni who give so much of their time and talent to Erskine Academy, gifts of which are priceless. We value your commitment highly and could not do all that we do without you.

Erskine's Got Spirit!

Erskine was selected as one of seven Maine schools to participate in the WGME 13/Fox 23 School Spirit Challenge, and we kicked off the Challenge program with a bang on September 9 at a school wide assembly. It was also the kickoff of Homecoming weekend, so school spirit was in abundance. The gym was full of blue!

The School Spirit Challenge is a friendly competition among high schools to show school pride and spirit



while helping communities address a shared, pressing problem—hunger in Maine—through a month-long food and fund drive to benefit the Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine and our regional food banks that provide for the food insecure in our communities.

Erskine's event was the first to be held in the new school year.

Led by WGME 13's Good Day Maine anchorman Jeff Peterson assisted by weatherman Adam Epstein, students and staff cheered very loudly as the Erskine Eagle

mascot "kicked the can" to abolish hunger in Maine. Enthusiastic cheerleaders and uniformed teams added their rousing voices to the spirited crowd.



RIGHT Thad Barber '91, owner of Fieldstone Quickstop, and his daughter Sydney '13 presenting a check for the School Spirit Challenge and about to be interviewed by WMTW 13. BELOW Julie Haskell Wing '98 and her daughter Ashlyn '19 presenting a check from their family business Central Maine Disposal.



Earlier that morning, breakfast was served outside to students who arrived early with food donations. Over 30,000 pounds of food was collected on the first day.

In addition to the School Spirit Challenge kick-off and appeals to the community and alumni, a "Fill the Bus" bottle drive was initiated, prompting many donations that yielded over \$1,000.

The Spirit Challenge committee came up with other creative ideas to raise money as well. A dodge ball tournament was organized and Gold Card tickets were raffled off to award a personal day off for a staff member.



Erskine's Got Spirit!

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The Challenge culminated with the Headmaster, teacher Mary MacFarland, and the four class presidents visiting the WGME 13 studio in Portland on Nov. 4, where they were presented with the winning trophy for collecting the most pounds of food—84, 474!

Headmaster McQuarrie stated, "The School Spirit Challenge was for a great cause and through it, our community engaged in collective creative problem-solving: we put a significant dent in the problem of hunger in Maine. We demonstrated, and others witnessed, the dynamism of EA's stewardship, leadership, and relationships at work."

"As heartening and moving the result of our efforts is, it only worked because we all worked. What is remarkable is that the most important members of our community—our young people—only begin to form this school community at grade 9. All are on equal footing. All wish to belong to something very special, and you have given that to them. I am humbled by your work, inspiration, and idealism, and so proud that our kids are the beneficiaries of these qualities."

Erskine Academy thanks profusely the many individuals and organizations that supported the School Spirit Challenge with donations of food and money! Thank you to Hannafords and the Palermo Community School for collecting donations at their locations. You came through for our community, and because of you, many people will have much needed food. ☪

Thank you to the many businesses who donated to the School Spirit Challenge:

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ABOVE Class presidents accepting the School Spirit Challenge trophy at the WGME 13 studio with Student Council advisor Mary MacFarland. BELOW RIGHT Food ready to be picked up, and Headmaster McQuarrie, students, and Good Shepherd truck and driver after loading donations.



Erskine Happenings

Olympian Julia Clukey Visit

In May, Olympic luger Julia Clukey gave an inspiring presentation about her experiences as an Olympian and how the many challenges have to be met with courage to be surpassed. She presented her Courage Award to student Jeff Kierstead '17; Rep. Tim Theriault participated in the presentation. It was a very inspiring event for the Erskine students. Julia is training to compete in the 2018 Olympics in South Korea. Read more at <http://clukeyluge.com/>.

Student Council State Conference

Student Council members attended the Student Council Leadership Conference in Bangor in May. Student leaders from across the state spent time learning from each other.

Dozens of young people from nine schools take part in the Student Council Leadership Conference at Brewer Auditorium. They get together a couple of times a year to tackle issues and share ideas. They also heard from a motivational speaker who encouraged them to keep giving back to their schools and their communities.

Erskine's Hannah Burns, President of the Maine Association of Student Councils said: "I'm just very happy to see all these people here. It's great to see all of these schools coming together with a common goal to make their schools a better place."

Congratulations to the Erskine Student Council members on their excellent work at the state level. They won the top State Award again this year. This is the 11th time Erskine has won since the award was started in 1987. For a student council, this is like the state championship in a sport. Also, they won the banner award for the best banner. Alainie Sawtelle and Hannah Burns were recognized for having been on the State Board, and Hannah is the new State President and Kaylee Porter is the new President-elect. Adviser Mary MacFarland and the Student Council thanks everyone who supports their many activities.



LEFT Olympic luger Julia Clukey presenting a talk. ABOVE A Courage Award being presented by Julia to Jeff Kierstead '17 with State Representative Tim Theriault and Headmaster McQuarrie.

HOPE Club

The HOPE Club (Helping Others Persevere at Erskine) is thriving in its mission to provide needed school supplies, clothing, and food to students in need.

It is that time of year when heating oil/wood/propane needs to be purchased and some student may have to go without because of that need being met. The HOPE Club purchases gift cards for food, keeps a closet well stocked with school supplies, purchases clothing as well as houses its own donated clothing, and maintains a good supply of food items.

Spearheaded by advisor Shara MacDonald and a group of dedicated club members, teachers are requested

regularly to let the club know of anyone in need and to not hesitate to either send them HOPE's way or come with a student to see what the club can do to help.

Future Business Leaders of America

Over 30 students attended the "Lead Your Way to the Future It's Your Legacy" Fall Leadership Workshop for Future Business Leaders of America on October 28 at the China Lake Conference Center. The agenda included useful topics such as how to succeed in high school, preparing for your first job and college, how to be a successful public speaker, and leadership skills.

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Greening it Up

Tucked in between the cafeteria and locker room halls stands a little building with large sunny windows on its roof. Very warm air hits you unexpectedly as you enter the structure. Plants in various stages of growth sit on counters around the perimeter. It's the Erskine greenhouse project.

The greenhouse was built in the 2011-12 school year by the students in the industrial arts program with instructor Dave Barden. Initially, instructor Lynne Chadwick's biology classes used the greenhouse, although they tend to grow plants in the closer vicinity of their classrooms.

Starting in the spring of 2015, the Health III classes took over the greenhouse after receiving a \$500 grant from Inland Hospital's Let's Go! Goes to School mini-grant funding program. Under the direction of health instructor Shara MacDonald and school nurse Diane Dow, the students have grown microgreens, radishes, tomatoes, green peppers, and flowers. Some of the produce is sold to school personnel to bring in revenue for the



LEFT Diane Dow, R.N. '76 explains what is growing in the greenhouse ABOVE The sunny greenhouse

project, and greens are provided to the cafeteria to supplement the salad bar.

Local farmer Andrew York of Palermo, ME visited the Health III class and presented a talk on greenhouse growing.

This fall, the class took a field trip to Johnny's Selected Seeds to purchase leaf parsley, basil, sage, catnip, microgreens, and growing medium. The seedlings will be started probably at the beginning of the second trimester and nurtured until about April. A four-foot-long heat lamp has been ordered to help in the darker months. Roadblocks to a longer growing season include lack of water to the building and the intense heat as the days grow longer. There is no overhead ventilation, only side windows that can be opened.

The Health III students and instructors enjoy watching the plants grow and spending time in the cheery greenhouse. It is hoped that outside beds might be built to continue the growing period for a longer period of time. Donations to support the project are always welcome.

Street Art

Students in art instructor Scott Minzy's Street Art class took part in an event with guest artist and alumnus Matt Demers '08. Large sheets of plastic were stretched between the trees near the art rooms. Using spray cans, the art students painted graphic images on the plastic. Matt offered helpful feedback and suggestions. It was a great demonstration of a creative and often under appreciated expressive art form. Matt's art work may be seen at mattdemersart.com.

College Applications Days

Seniors spent some of their class time in early November stationed at computers in the library lab completing the "common app" for college acceptance during the annual College Application Days held as part of the MELMAC grant program. Guidance personnel Sue LaGasse and Betsy Benner circulated among the applicants offering help. In a nearby conference room, Senior Associate Director of Recruitment Nikolas Ray from University of Maine



ABOVE Artist Matt Demers '08 demonstrating the street art project
RIGHT Students creating street art



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LEFT Senior Erica Basham in an interview with UMaine Senior Associate Director of Recruitment Nikolas Ray during College Application Days. **LOWER LEFT** Seniors completing the common application for college admission with help from Guidance Director Sue Lagasse.



a heartfelt message about those who gave their lives and what we have today because of all who serve. An Armed Forces medley was played, during which the different branches of the service stood. Taps was played by Sergeant Angela Plato Pitteroff '99 and the colors were retired. A reception was held for the veterans and their family members.

It was a very meaningful gathering, and it was evident that the students were affected by the solemnity of the occasion by the way they showed respect. Headmaster McQuarrie spoke to the students after the guests'

held one-on-one interviews with seniors.

Veterans Day Recognition Assembly

Many special events are held at Erskine, but this event was a particularly special one. It allowed for all of us to pause, remember and appreciate the sacrifices our veterans have made for our freedom.

As students filed in and filled the bleachers, the band played patriotic music for over 100 invited veterans and guests. The Maine Army National Guard color guard paraded in the colors and the chorus sang the national anthem. Following a welcome by Headmaster McQuarrie and the Pledge of Allegiance, Colonel Dwaine Drummond of the Maine Army National Guard was introduced. Colonel Drummond's speech carried

departure to the reception and expressed his appreciation to them for their decorum.

Youth in Government

Erskine's Youth in Government students spent the weekend of November 11 and 12 at the State House in the legislature chambers presenting bills they wrote. The Youth in Government program gives students the opportunity to participate in a program that mimics how the government really works. The program is designed to produce contributing citizens and perhaps even future representatives.

Participants were freshmen Chloe Fleck, sophomore Cade King, junior Harrison Mosher, and seniors Veronica Black, Ally Clark Bonsant, Phoebe Fleck, and Katherine Keller. Out of the entire delegation, 150 students and 97 bills, senior Ally Clark Bonsant received the "Best Bill Award", quite an honor. She was presented an award in the House in front of all of the representatives. The students worked very long days. As House Chairs and members of the media crew, they had

talking roles for a good part of the day. What an incredible experience to be able to sit in the very seats of our legislative members.

Advisor Kelly Clark commented, "This weekend gives me great hope for the future of our state. These young people were able to listen to opinions that were different from their own the entire weekend and treat one another with civility. They informed one another, compromised on issues, and were great representatives of their schools." ☪



SFC Joel Blackwell '02 and **Col.** Dwaine Drummond P'11 '15 of the Maine Army National Guard at the Veterans Day Recognition Assembly.



Athletic Director Doran Stout Retires after 34 Years

Doran was a coach and English teacher at Erskine for 14 years before becoming the full-time athletic director. He coached varsity baseball, leading the Eagles to the Class C state final in his first year, 1984, and coached varsity and JV basketball for nine years.

He started Erskine's cross country program in the mid-1980s and the track and field program in 1988. Sports offerings grew from soccer in the fall to include field hockey and cross country. Wrestling, swimming and indoor track joined basketball in the winter. Tennis, track and field and most recently lacrosse were added to baseball and softball in the spring.

As the school grew to over 700 students and then settled back to approximately 580, the school met challenging Class A action. He attributes the sports program success at Erskine to coaches who make playing fun, which creates students enthusiastic about sports and who want to come back.

Doran will continue to oversee the Northern and Southern Maine state basketball tournaments at the Augusta Civic Center, a post he's held since 2013.

Erskine Athletic Trainer Awarded

Erskine's athletic trainer Chris Sementelli was awarded the Larry LaBrie Award for outstanding contributions to the Maine Principals Association Interscholastic Division at a ceremony on April 28.

Chris has been athletic trainer at Erskine through the MaineGeneral Sports Medicine department where he is manager of sports services since 1999 and comes with



Athletic trainer Chris Sementelli



Doran Stout left with new activities administrator Chuck Karter

plenty of experience. We are lucky to have Chris's program in place. He has said that although many other schools in Maine have athletic trainers, the MaineGeneral program is a one-of-a-kind operation because of the extent of the athletes it covers and the liaison with the medical staff.

Lars Jonassen KJ 2016 Coach of the Year

Fondly known as "Mr. J", Lars Jonassen received the well-deserved recognition as Coach of the Year by the *Kennebec Journal*.

Staff Writer Randy Whitehouse wrote the July 18 article titled, "Jonassen didn't miss a beat in his return to the dugout":

When Erskine baseball coach Mark Bailey stepped down after a promising 2015 season to spend more time with his family, the school turned to the man who had preceded him in the dugout, Lars Jonassen, in hopes he would continue the program's growth.

The typically self-deprecating 64-year-old, who had coached the varsity for nine years in his previous stint and had stayed close to the program as JV coach in the first year of his two-year varsity hiatus, wasn't sure he was the right fit.

"I'm at an age where you wonder if it's the right choice and how the kids are going to react to someone my age," he said. "But we had 13 players and, for most of them, baseball is their first sport."

Jonassen and his players had some fun with the age difference and sharing their passion for the game they love all season. It carried over onto the diamond, as they finished 14-4 and reached the Class B North semifinals.

For the Eagles' accomplishments, Lars Jonassen is the 2016 *Kennebec Journal* Baseball Coach of the Year.

Despite losing star shortstop Ryan Rodrigue to graduation, the Eagles went

into the 2016 season with a great deal of optimism. Led by seniors Caleb Barden, Cody Beaudoin, Zack Glidden, Luke Peabody and Jake Suga, they had most of the nucleus back that showed consistent improvement and reached the playoffs in 2015.

Adding to the air of possibilities was that many of the players were part of the Eagles' unexpected run to the state soccer championship game.

"We had a lot of things fall into place, but I think the attitude from day one was 'Hey, this could be special,'" Jonassen said. ...

...Erskine's season ended with a 3-1 loss to top seed and eventual state champion Old Town in the semifinals. It marked the end of the high school careers of five key contributors. But with their entire infield and three of their top four pitchers back, the Eagles could be even better next year.

Jonassen downplays his role in the steps they took in 2016, deflecting credit to assistants Scott Corey, Pete Howard and Jon Jorgensen. But he has no regrets about getting back in the game.



Lars Jonassen

Eagles Highlights



"I had several pieces fall into place, and the camaraderie factor on this team was huge, too," he said.

He added: "It was a great way to get back into coaching."

KVAC Scholars Dinner

On May 4, the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference held its annual Senior Scholars Banquet at the Augusta Civic Center. The event brought together the top ten senior scholars from each of the Conference's 29 schools.

Attending from Erskine were Lilja Bernheim, Sarah Pleau, Kayla Goggin, Mackenzie Gayer, Caleigh Charlebois, Amelia Bailey, Christina Hodgkins, Emma McCormac, Jordan Bowie, and Kyle Zembroski.

The event is sponsored by the Athletic Directors of the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference. Attendees are treated to dinner and each school's scholars are invited to the stage to be recognized. The highlight of the evening is the awarding of \$500 scholarships, one to a scholar from every school.

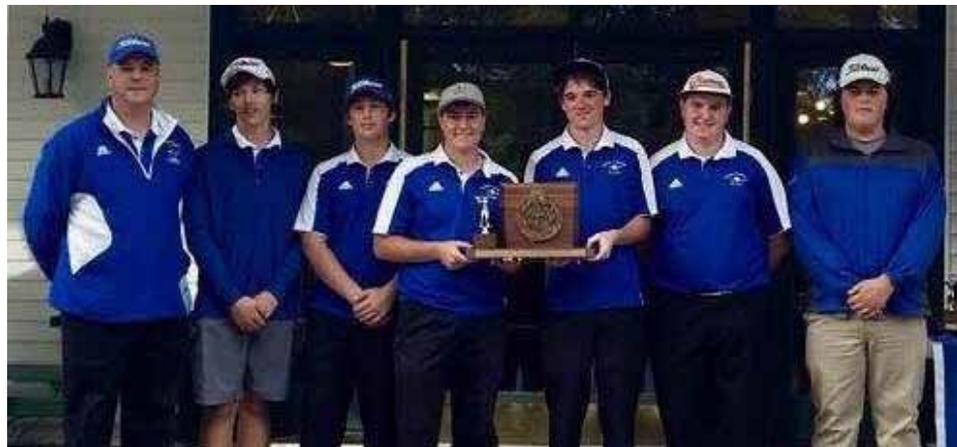
Golf Champs

The Erskine golf team had a banner year, as the undefeated team won the KVAC Championship and then went on to win the State Class B Championship a week later. A great write-up was provided on October 9 by *Kennebec Journal* staff writer Drew Bonifant:

The turnaround began in the spring. Right around the time the members of the Erskine Academy golf team, still stinging from adding to its string of also-ran finishes in the state championships, gathered in Mark Bailey's classroom to promise their coach that there wouldn't be another one.

"They dropped by my classroom and said 'Coach, we're going to be really good,'" Bailey said. "All of them, really."

Turns out it was more than just bravado. The Eagles went to work in the summer, won in the fall and finished it off on Saturday, shooting



Eagles Golf team left to right: Coach Bailey; Conner Paine '19; Justin Browne '19; Brandon Keezer '17; Robert Harmon '17; Aaron Pion '18; Kay Grady '18

317 to edge defending champion Cape Elizabeth (325) at Natanis Golf Course to win the Class B state championship, the school's first-ever golf title...

..."It's unbelievable," Bailey said. "We've finished fifth, sixth and seventh the last three years, and just to get into that top spot, it's like a dream come true..."

...Confidence was in ample supply among the Erskine players, even with a Cape Elizabeth team that returned last fall's individual champion in Ryan Collins leading the competition. The Eagles qualified two freshmen for last year's individual championships, rolled to the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference B championship in the regular season and had the home-course advantage at Natanis' 36-hole course. They knew they'd be in the mix — and with a break or two, leading it.

"These guys are out here every day, they know every inch of this golf course," Bailey said. "We thought we'd be one of the contenders, but the southern Maine schools have just been so strong in this tournament."

This time, the school from South China was the one pacing the field. Sophomores Justin Browne and Connor Paine had 80s at Natanis's Tomahawk course, as did senior Robert Harmon, but the biggest impact came from a player who wasn't in the fold last year. Junior Aaron Pion, a transfer from Winslow, fired a 77 to



In addition to his team winning the Class B State Golf Championship, coach Mark Bailey was named as the KVAC Class B Golf Coach of the Year. Congratulations are also in order for golfers Connor Paine, Aaron Pion, Robert Harmon, Brandon Keezer, and Justin Browne for being named to the KVAC All Conference team for 2016.

lead the Eagles, using back-to-back birdies to stabilize himself after going 3-over his first two holes.

"I figured whatever I did, it would help my team one way or another," Pion said. "I knew we had the players capable of shooting around what I shot today, but being able to know that my score helped push my team through to a victory is just unbelievable."

"He's a tough kid," Bailey said. "All season long, we've been preaching to these guys, just keep grinding. It's 18 holes, it's a marathon, not a sprint. That's what he did. He didn't give in."

The State Championship win was the first in golf and the fourth State Championship for Erskine. ☞

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT *Theresa Michaud Thompson '00*

The Maine construction industry can be a tough and competitive market, but it presents minimal challenge for a woman-owned company in Waterville, ME—Standard Waterproofing, Inc. Theresa Michaud Thompson, president and owner of Standard Waterproofing, graduated from Erskine in 2000.

Theresa grew up in China, ME and entered Erskine from China Middle School. Her transition to high school was eased by the fact that she came with many friends from her years in the China school system. She has good memories of her four years at Erskine. She played soccer and joined clubs. She had several favorite teachers, including Marcia Tyrol, who taught Spanish. Theresa traveled to Spain in her junior year on a trip organized by Mrs. Tyrol, and her love for travel was forged.

Following her Erskine graduation, Theresa entered Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY, where she majored in international management and minored in sociology. She continued to take Spanish all through college and spent more than a semester abroad in Spain.

Theresa moved to Boston after college and worked for Wells Fargo as a loan agent. She spent a year there before getting a phone call from her father about taking over the family business, as he planned to retire within five years. She took less than 24 hours to decide to step into the world of commercial waterproofing.

Theresa's parents, Tom and Marie Michaud, bought the commercial waterproofing business in 1995, while Theresa was in elementary school. The company grew over the years, and when Theresa joined the company in 2005, it had become a leader in the waterproofing business in Maine.

At 24 years old, Theresa plunged into the business as a project manager to learn the ropes. She worked 12-hour



days for years before starting a family and becoming more involved in the upper management of the firm. In a male-dominated world, she ran into occasional biases but says those instances were few. Her philosophy was to know the facts, speak truthfully, and to find out and

get back to the customer if she did not know the answer. She says people like her and the company, and they have many repeat customers.

herself covers a very wide array of job tasks including meeting with architects, general contractors, manufacturers, and making sales calls, as well as running a thriving business.

Standard Waterproofing is familiar with New England's harsh weather, and as their website states, their services significantly help eliminate energy and monetary waste in commercial and residential settings. Standard Waterproofing offers a wide range of products and services designed to protect an entire building envelope from below grade to rooftop. Its waterproofing services include but are not limited to air vapor barriers, below grade waterproofing, building expansion joints, caulking, damproofing, cementitious waterproofing, masonry restoration,



LEFT TO RIGHT Shawn Brooks, Assistant Project Manager; Chad Bailey '96, Senior Project Manager; Theresa Michaud Thompson, President; Leon Van Horn, Estimator; and Kevin Nutting, Southern Maine Project Manager.

After purchasing the company and assuming the role as President, Theresa has focused on employee retention resulting in very little turnover in recent years. She is in charge of 30 employees including Senior Project Manager and Erskine alumnus Chad Bailey '96, who is Theresa's "right hand man." Theresa

sandblasting, spray foam, tuck point and under slab vapor retarders. It has a fleet of at least 20 trucks, vans, and box trucks, and two 80-foot and three 60-foot boom lifts and scissor lifts. Most of the equipment is moved continually between job sites.

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1959

Jane Mitton Cardona writes that she and her husband Ray are well and have 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren! They still live in their home in Detroit, ME. They are both retired and custodians at Detroit Apostolic Fellowship. All of Jane's children are out of state, and Ray's are in Maine. "Thankful for Erskine."

1966

The Class of 1966 had a wonderful 50th Reunion celebration last June with many members returning to campus. Congratulations to **Kitty Truman White**, who has been named Maine's Mother of the Year for 2017 by the Maine Chapter of American Mothers.



Kitty Truman
White '66

1993

Ryan Nored married Alycia Laferte of Sanford, ME on the shores of China Lake on August 6, and they enjoyed a wonderful honeymoon in Aruba.



Ryan '93 and Alycia Nored

1999

Brad Stout is general manager at Coultts Bros., a 53-year-old Randolph, ME construction company that specializes in inspecting and repairing electric lines with 45 employees who work in New York and New England. Brad was interviewed by the *Portland Press Herald* about the company, during which he talked about the company's goal of achieving excellent safety records, its line worker apprenticeship program, and the use of drones to conduct inspections.



Brad Stout '99

2002

Congratulations to **Katie Mainville-Nicholls**, who was named to the University of Southern Maine Department of Athletics Husky Hall of Fame as one of the most dominant pitchers in Little East Conference softball history. She helped lead the Huskies to a 105-65-2 record during her career with an individual record of 40-20 in the circle. A two-time National Fastpitch Coaches' Association (NFCA) All-Region selection, Katie's 40 career wins account for nearly 40 percent of USM's wins during that time despite being unable to pitch during her junior year (2005). She earned All-Little East Conference honors in 2003, 2004 and 2006, earning first team status in 2004 and 2006. With numerous career records to her name, Katie's

career numbers are outstanding. With 441.1 innings pitched to her credit, she has the Huskies' top career earned run average at 1.14, holding opponents to an anemic .180 batting average. Katie also holds the school record for strikeouts per seven innings (7.96), fewest hits per seven innings (4.54) and winning percentage. Additionally, her

441.1 innings pitched are fourth overall, while her 502 career strikeouts are second all-time. She also holds the school record for single-season earned run average with an outstanding 0.53 ERA during the 2004 season, and the single-game record for strikeouts fanning 16 Eastern Connecticut State batters (twice) on April 22, 2004 and May 4, 2004. A William B. Wise Scholar Athlete, Katie earned her Bachelor's degree in History from Southern Maine in 2011, and then went on to earn her Master's degree in Education in 2014. She is presently a Social Studies teacher at Oceanside East High School in Rockland, Maine. Active in the community, Katie volunteers her time at the Waldoboro Recreation Department, coaching numerous sports including softball.

2003

Military veteran and K9 handler Deputy Sheriff **Sean Dixon** and his four-legged partner Bane recently found a missing six-year-old in the woods in Wilmington, NC. The successful discovery prompted FBI Director James Comey to call the Sheriff to congratulate him on his department's quick work. A news segment about Sean and Bane can be viewed at <http://www.wwaytv3.com/2016/09/16/k9-credited-with-finding-missing-new-hanover-county-girl/>. Sean said the rescue hit particularly close to home because he has children of his own. After the rescue, Sean visited the child in the hospital and brought her a stuffed animal that looks like Bane. Well done, Sean!



2005

Jessica Leitner Gauthier is married with two children and lives in Albion, ME.

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Erin Corey Allen '07 and her new son Micaiah

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2007

Erin Corey Allen and her husband Peter are proud parents of baby boy Micaiah, born September 16th at 7 lb. 5 oz. and 19 inch long. Erskine teacher Scott Corey is very proud of his new grandson!

2008

Scott Bowden writes: The fall of 2016 will mark the beginning of my 5th year teaching at Washington Academy in East Machias, Maine as a Residential Faculty member. Over the past four years, I have coached WA's math team and

been the advisor of the short-lived Cribbage Society. The summer of 2016 will be my second year as math instructor at the summer college preparatory and readiness program for local high school

students, Upward Bound, through Bowdoin College. Back in 2013, I became a proud uncle. My sister has since had two children that are my pride and joys. I spend every chance I get when not working to be involved with them and a part of their life!



Scott Bowden '08 with his nephew

2009

Ashley Alberts is engaged to Skyler Lindsey of Jackson, Mississippi. The happy couple met while earning their Bachelor's degrees from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. Ashley has since earned a Masters at Harvard Extension School and is a Facilities Planner at Harvard University.

2010

Emily Allisot graduated with a degree in Elementary Education from University of Maine Orono in May 2016 and

is a kindergarten first grade teacher at Morse Memorial in Brooks, ME.

Jackson Fortin

teaches health at Medomak Middle School in Waldoboro, Maine. He holds a bachelor's degree in community health from University of Maine at Farmington. We saw him at the Maine Schoolsite Health Promotion Program Wellness Summit at Bates College in June. **Paige Plummer** has been promoted to loan servicing clerk/member service representative at



Paige Plummer '10

Maine State Credit Union's Waterville branch. She was previously a teller at the main office in Augusta. Paige has worked at Maine State Credit Union for the past four years. She started her career as a teller and has also worked in loan.

2011

Addison Cox joined the Rockland Police Department in May. After Erskine, Addison enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, served in Romania and Afghanistan, and was honorably discharged following his four-year

enlistment with awards including the USMC's Good Conduct Medal and Combat Action Ribbon. In his off-time, Addison spends time with his wife and their daughter, and he enjoys hunting and fishing. In a *Bangor Daily News* article, Addison states he has wanted to be a police officer since he can remember, pointing out that his father also was an officer with the Augusta Police Department. Addison had been a candidate for three departments but selected Rockland after going on a ride along with another Rockland police officer. Congratulations to **Molly King**, who graduated in the University of Maine at Farmington Class of 2016 *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Special Education and Creative Writing. **Kristy Quimby** was named to the 2016 spring semester dean's honor roll at Fort Hays State University. Kristy is majoring in justice studies.

2012

Sean Cabaniss was honored as a Senior Athlete of the Year and presented with a Beaver Pride Award at the University of Maine at Farmington Athletics Honors



Addison Cox '11



Baylee Doughty '13 and Jackson Fortin '10

Student-Athletes 12th Annual Beaver Social, which is given annually to a male and female student-athlete who embodies sportsmanship, school spirit, the drive for excellence, and most importantly Beaver pride. The chosen athletes are role models for the UMF community and make good choices. Sean chose to attend UMF because he loves teaching and math and plans to get a job teaching high school math and coaching baseball. Sean graduated *magna cum laude* in May with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education – Mathematics. Congratulations to the following alumni who graduated with the University of Maine at Farmington Class of 2016: **Tyler Belanger**, *magna cum laude*, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Psychology; **Meryl Bond**, Bachelor of Arts in Biology; **Victoria Condon**, Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education; **Allison Fortin**, *magna cum laude*, Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education – English; **Nicole Glidden**, Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Special Education; **Tom Grady**, Bachelor of Arts in Outdoor Recreation Business Administration; **Jory Humphrey**, Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies: Business

Psychology; **Simon Rollins**, *cum laude*, Bachelor of Arts in Visual and Performing Arts; and **Camiesha Terry**, *magna cum laude*, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Correction: **Robbie Fasano** received his Bachelor's at UMaine in 2015, is working on his PhD at the University of Colorado and plans to remain at his job at NIST, which he greatly enjoys.

2013

Congratulations to **Baylee Doughty**, who graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education. We saw Baylee in June at the Maine Schoolsite Health Promotion Program Wellness Summit at Bates College, where she was presenting on behalf of Maine Department of Transportation as part of her internship with the department. **Daniel Jordan** is in the US Air Force as an E3 Airman 1st Class in jet propulsion. He lives in Round Rock, Texas. **Marissa Jordan** studied in Italy at John Cabot University, Rome during her fall 2015 semester at Stonehill College, where she is studying communication and political science and international studies.

2015

Michelle Lemelin is a standout on the St. Anselm College field hockey team. **Phoenix Throckmorton-Hansford**, who is majoring in mechanical

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Michelle Lemelin playing field hockey for St. Anselm College in Worcester, MA.

IN MEMORIAM

The following are alumni and other members of the Erskine community who have passed away since the last Connector issue or of whose passing we have recently been notified.

Alberta Nowland Craig '36
(10/2/16)

Ruth Kenoyer Polley '38 (9/14/16)

Bessie Rogers Dow '47 (5/3/16)

Shirley Joslyn Miete '52 (4/20/16)

Shirley Harrington Harvey '56
(6/15/16)

Lawrence B. Wiles '57 (7/7/16)

Dianne Bumps Higgins '58
(5/3/16)

Patricia Reed Small '58 (9/27/16)

Ronald L. Dyer '61 (6/16/16)

Mary Balfour Edwards '62 (6/5/16)

Edwin R. Libby, Jr. '62 (7/17/16)

Randall A. French '74 (6/1/16)

Jeffery L. Hall '75 (7/2/16)

Darrell L. Merrifield '81 (11/3/16)

Mark E. Brann, Sr. '87 (10/23/16)

Alumni Appreciation Night!

Thursday, December 22

Girls Basketball vs. Cony

Alumni get in free.

There will be a 50/50 raffle
to benefit the

EA Alumni Scholarship Fund.

JV game starts at 5:30 p.m.

Varsity game to follow.

See you there!

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engineering at the University of Maine at Orono, made the Dean's List with High Honors and is a member of the Honors College. **Madison Michaud** was named to the 2016 spring semester dean's list at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where she is majoring in biomedical engineering. **Autumn Cash** was named Soldier of the Quarter by the Maine Army National Guard.

2016

Justin Studholme returned to campus for the Veterans Day Recognition Assembly on November 8. Justin just completed basic training in the Marine Corp. ☞



**RECRUIT SUSTAINMENT PROGRAM
SOLDIER OF THE QUARTER**

Name: Autumn Cash
Rank: Private, E-2
Military Occupational Skill: 91F, Small Arms Repair and Artillery
Unit: Forward Support Company, 133rd Engineer Battalion, Brunswick, ME
Basic Training Location: Fort Jackson, SC
Advanced Individual Training: Fort Lee, VA
Hometown: Vassalboro, ME
High School: Erskine Academy, Class of 2015
Hobbies and Interests: Fishing and Reading

What are your goals?
Steadily take on more responsibility, challenge myself and becoming a better leader.

What are your future plans?
Attend classes at the University of Maine in Augusta this fall to study criminal justice.

Why did you join the Maine Army National Guard?
The Guard opens a lot of doors to opportunities in the private and public sector. Learning new skills, college benefits, training opportunities that translate to real world experience, and leadership.

Did you know:
Private Cash graduated her military training as the Distinguished Honor Graduate. An honor reserved for the top graduate of each class based on leadership, academics and physical fitness.

She offers the following advice for anyone who is preparing for basic combat training:
"It's all temporary," Cash said. "Embrace the [challenges] and do the best you can do. That is all anyone can ask for."

In addition to her early successes in the military, Cash volunteers some of her spare time to the Liberty Food Bank.



Justin Studholme '16

Got news? Want to share photos of events in your life? Just want to let your classmates know what you're up to? Send in your news to the Alumni Office for inclusion in the Class Notes!

**Mark Your Calendars!
The 2017 All Alumni Reunion will be on June 2 & 3 on campus. Classes ending in 3s and 7s are celebrating milestone reunions this year, and the class of 1967 will be honored on its 50th reunion. Hope to see you here!**

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Today with its large crew of workers and its extensive experience in utilizing the latest waterproofing technology, the company maintains approximately 75% of the commercial waterproofing market in Maine and New Hampshire. At any given time, the company is carrying about 60 open contracts in various stages of completion. Standard Waterproofing's largest job to date is the Eastern Maine Medical Center expansion with Cianbro. The company is two years into the job and has about six months to completion. Another large project was being subcontracted as part of the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) team to waterproof and help assemble the prefabricated walls for MaineGeneral's \$322 million state-of-the-art Alford Center for Health in Augusta.

Other projects have included Park Danforth, elderly housing in Portland; the Southern New Hampshire University athletic stadium in Hookset, NH; Kennebunkport High School; the Portland International Jetport expansion; the Bangor Event Center; the Dartmouth Visual Arts Center in Hanover, NH; new Port of Entry buildings in northern Maine; the Maine National Guard Center in Brunswick; the Bates Mill Complex, Dominican Block, and All Souls Church in Lewiston; the TD Bank Westgate and Martin's Point Medical Office Building in Portland.

As to the future, Theresa has plans to expand into new markets to continue to grow her very successful business.

Outside of her busy work schedule, Theresa has another important job—her family. She is married to Isaac Thompson, who works at Pike Industries in Fairfield, ME, and is mother to two children ages 4 ½ and 1 ½. Theresa drops the children off to school and daycare before her busy day begins. She spends any free time she has with her family. Theresa's brother Nicholas Michaud graduated from Erskine in 1998 and runs a dairy farm in China. And one additional very cute family member is Ellie May, a border collie that lay by Theresa's desk during the interview. ☞

Award Nominations Requested

Do you know of an alumnus or friend of Erskine Academy who has accomplished outstanding deeds in their life or contributed greatly to the school? Please consider nominating them for an award. The awards are presented at the annual Alumni Reunion.

Distinguished Alumni Award
(open to alumni only)

Exemplary Service (to Erskine Academy) Award
(open to anyone)

Volunteer Leadership Award
(open to alumni only)

Award criteria and the nomination form can be found on the Erskine Alumni web page or by contacting the Alumni Office for assistance.

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as an observer but as a person capable of making a real difference, finishing the pursuits begun by our grandparents and parents alike. In many ways it is not only an opportunity but a responsibility, one I know that all of you can see to fruition.

As a society we like to celebrate crossing the finish line. We have gathered here tonight to admire the hard work and dedication each one of you has demonstrated these past four years. Being able to finish strong requires a certain inner will that has been cultivated in your experience at Erskine. The core tenets that have guided your education, scholarship, leadership, stewardship, and relationships, are the cornerstones to a personal foundation that can help you rise to the occasion. The extension of these core values doesn't end with your commencement tonight, they are a part of you always and will help you shape the world you are about to enter.

When I was contacted about speaking tonight, Mr. McQuarrie reminded me of the core values of Erskine Academy: scholarship, leadership, stewardship, and relationships, and as I began writing this speech it became clearer how essential those core values had been in my own life as I pursued higher education, a career, and a growing family life. The very pillars that Erskine has built itself on are a part of each and every student that has walked its hallways. As you leave the Erskine community know that the core values that it stands for go with you. Inside all of you is the strength of will that comes with an Erskine education; it is the will to change the world for the better, in ways both great and small. I know all of you can make a profound difference in our society; do not be afraid to make that difference.

Coming back to the moment at hand, this night is about reveling in the success of the past four years of your dedication and hard work. Take a moment to think about how far you've come, how you started, how you finished, how you plan to take the lessons you've learned in your formative years onto your life's

pursuits, and maybe even thank a faculty member or two. I know there are few prouder of your accomplishments than they. Congratulations to you all, thank you!

After graduating from Erskine in 2005, Zac attended Colby College and joined its chemistry department, from which he received the Stan Award for demonstrated leadership and achievement in chemistry. Even with a very demanding academic schedule, Zac was a three-year varsity baseball player for the White Mules.

Directly following his graduation from Colby in 2009, Zac pursued graduate studies at the University of Maine, earning the Masters of Science degree in Chemical Oceanography in 2012.

With his academic credentials in hand, Zac began his career as a lab manager for a Boston-based start up company, Oasys Water, where he and his colleagues develop cutting-edge water treatment technology. Zac is Program Manager of Applied Research and Development at Oasys Water and part of the team that commissioned the first Forward Osmosis Membrane Brine Concentrator based in Changzing, China, which many of us read about proudly in a Boston Globe article featuring Zac and his work.

Zac is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Chemical Society and is the author of several published professional scientific articles, including his most recent, a 2015 piece entitled, "Forward Osmosis: Uses in pretreatment and brine concentration in complete water treatment solutions."

Zac married his wife Maggie in 2014, and the two were expecting their first child in October. The couple recently moved back to Maine and are making a home in Kennebunk. ☪

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GARDENS AGLOW

Light display, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Boothbay

December 16, 2016 Cost \$10.00 per person

Tickets can be purchased at the business office (price does not include dinner). Bring a guest!

The bus will leave Erskine at 3:30 p.m.

Dinner at the Watershed Tavern 5:00 p.m.

Gardens Aglow display 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Halda Stout 445-2964 or hstout@erskine247.com.

Limited number of tickets - reserve your tickets today!